

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I-21-06: AVAILABILITY OF BIKE LANES IN INSTANCES OF COMPLAINTS

OBJET: RÉPONSE À LA DEMANDE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS I-21-06: AMÉNAGEMENT DES BANDES CYCLABLES POUR DONNER SUITE AUX PLAINTES

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receives this report for information.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du présent rapport à titre d'information.

INQUIRY

In the noted complaints detailed in the response to I-21-03, would you please indicate whether the cyclist or e-scooter operators had access to bike lanes.

RESPONSE

In 2020, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) issued 14 tickets and received seven complaints relating to the unsafe use of e-scooters.

The following is an overview of where these tickets were issued for riding on sidewalks or other related Highway Traffic Act violations:

- One ticket issued at Laurier Avenue and Elgin Street where a bike lane was available;
- Nine tickets issued where a bike lane was not readily available:
 - Elgin and Sparks Streets
 - Rideau and Dalhousie Streets (x2)
 - Bank Street and Alymer Avenue
 - Wellington and Mackenzie Avenues (x2)
 - Dalhousie and Clarence Streets (x2)
 - Wellington Street and Sussex Drive
- Three additional incidents occurred on Sussex Drive, southbound, where there is no bike lane.
- One incident lacked specific notes at Innes and Mer Bleue Roads, where there are bike lanes available, but not in every direction.

The OPS launched an e-scooter education campaign on April 26, in an effort to increase both operator and driver awareness on how to safely share the roads with drivers, e-scooters and pedestrians. This initiative will be ongoing throughout the summer.

Residents with complaints about e-scooter violations are encouraged to file a report online at www.ottawapolice.ca/onlinereporting under “Traffic Complaints.”